IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE Bianchi et al. Application of Serial No. 10/699,175 Filed October 31, 2003 OPEN INTERVERTEBRAL SPACER IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE Before the Examiner: Christopher D. Prone Ref. No. MSDI-434/PC316.08

RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated March 19, 2007, please consider the following. No fees are believed to be required for this submission; however, if any additional fees are deemed necessary, please charge said fees to Deposit Account No. 12-2424, but not to include the payment of any issue fee.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on June 13, 2007.

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